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Sheriff's Office Investigates Homicide



Yorktown, VA - On Sunday evening 2/13/05 at around 10pm Joanne Roth was reported missing by her husband and daughter. The daughter lives out of state. Investigators were sent to the home on Monday 2/14/05 for a follow up investigation into this report. After reviewing the scene and interviewing the husband, Investigators secured the residence and obtained a search warrant for the residence in the 400 block of Brentmeade Drive in the Tabb area of York County. During the subsequent search of the residence, Investigators found the partial remains of a female believed to be that of Joanne Roth. Her body had been dismembered. Her husband was interviewed and was eventually taken into custody. He was charged with first-degree murder. He is currently being held in the Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail on no bond. The motive for the murder appears to be domestic related. Additional remains of the victim were found in a dumpster in a new home construction area on Elliott Drive. The Medical Examiners office in Norfolk, where the deceased was taken for an autopsy, will determine the exact cause of death.

Arrested was:

Archie William Roth Jr of the 400 block of Brentmeade Drive in Yorktown. He is a 67-year-old white male. He was arrested on 2/14/05